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Fig. 1.

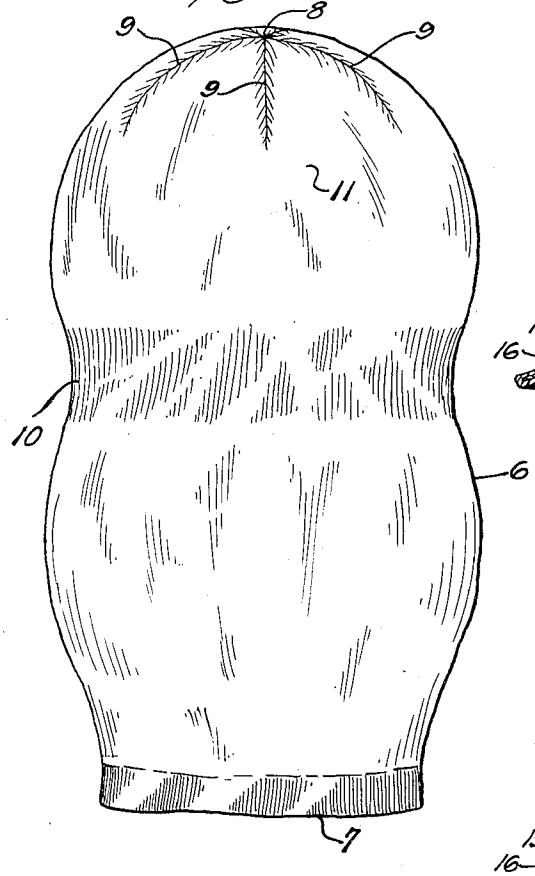


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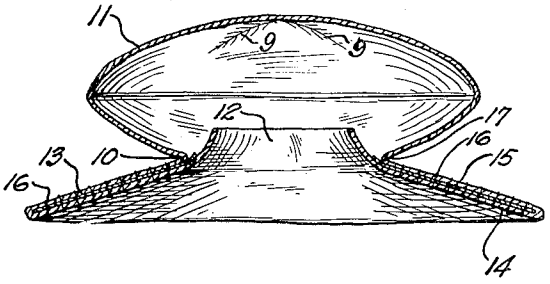
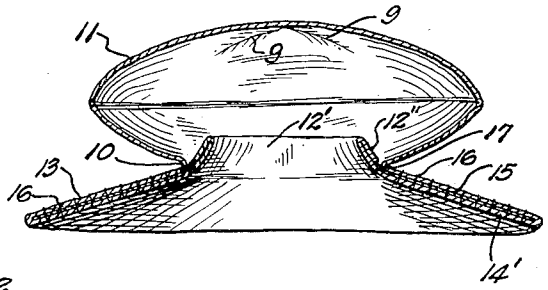


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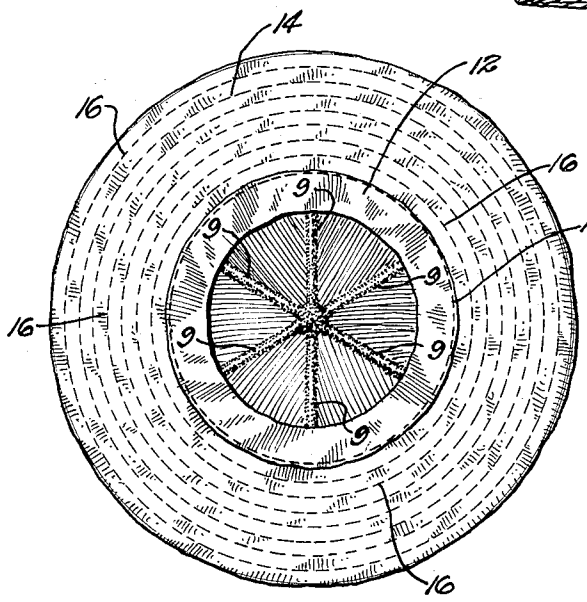


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to improvements in knitted headwear.

It is one of the objects of the present invention to provide a novel and inexpensive form of knitted headwear, primarily for ladies and children, which can be produced very expeditiously and conveniently.

A further object of the invention is to provide a form of knitted headwear in which the crown, brim, and band portions are formed integrally.

Many forms of knit fabrics have a right side and a wrong side, both differing in appearance, and it is a further object of the invention to so utilize a knit fabric blank in the fashioning of a hat whereby the material is folded inwardly on the inner surface of the brim portion and continued to provide an integral head or "sweat" band, but by said arrangement the right side of the fabric is preserved throughout, thereby enhancing the appearance of the hat.

A further object of the invention is to provide a novel form of knitted headwear which is knitted in tubular formation whereby upper edge portions may be secured together adjacent the apex of the hat, and the lower annular edge is selvaged so that the possibility of unraveling is prevented and all portions of the hat present a neat and finished appearance.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved form of knitted headwear which may be folded very flatly and compactly for convenience in storage, shipping and handling.

A further object of the invention is to provide a knitted hat which is simple and is well adapted for the purposes set forth.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists of the improved knitted headwear, and its parts, and combinations as set forth in the claim, and all equivalents thereof.

In the accompanying drawing in which the same reference characters indicate the same parts in all of the views:

Fig. 1 is a side view of a knitted tube from which the improved hat is formed, with the upper edge portions secured together at the apex;

Fig. 2 is an inverted plan view of the improved hat in its finished condition;

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the hat; and

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of a slight modification in the hat.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, it will appear that in the manufacture of the improved knitted headwear a knitted tube is first formed. The type of knitting used to form the fabric is immaterial and any of the well-known types of stitch may be used, and it may be desirable to have that part of the tube which ultimately forms the crown, of a different stitch than that part of the tube which is used for the brim portion of the hat.

As shown in Fig. 1, the blank for the hat is indicated generally by the numeral 6, and the lower edge thereof is formed with a selvage 7 to prevent unraveling. The upper edge portions of the tube are brought together at the apex 8 and adjacent edges are sewed together along the substantially radiating lines 9. It is also to be noted from Fig. 1 that the blank 6 is substantially "peanut" shaped, and the mid-portion thereof is of a slightly reduced circumference, as represented by the numeral 10. That portion of the blank 11 above the reduced mid-portion 10 ultimately forms the crown of the hat, while the portion below the portion 10 ultimately forms the brim and band portion of the hat.

In arranging the finished headwear from the blank in Fig. 1, the material below the portion 10 is folded upon itself with the lower portion folded inwardly against the inner surface of the portion thereabove. The line of fold is such that the inner folded portion is somewhat longer than the portion on which it is folded so that there is provided within the hat, extending above the constricted portion 10, an annular band 12 which serves as a "sweat" or head band. The lower portion of the blank, as thus folded, includes an outer layer 13 and an inner layer 14. Interposed between said layers is an annular sheet 15 of reenforcing material such as rubberized fabric or the like. After the reenforcing material 15 has been interposed, it is secured in place by annular lines of stitching 16 which pass through both of the brim forming layers 13 and 14 and through the reenforcement 15. There is also an annular line of stitching 17 at the constricted portion 10, which line of stitching passes through the layers 13, 14 and 15, and serves as a line of definition for the band 12, which projects inwardly from said stitching 17. So far as the brim portion is concerned, it is desirable that the same be dampened, stretched and ironed to give it the proper form.

Most knitted fabrics have a right side and a wrong side, differing materially in appearance. In the present hat, by folding the lower portion of the blank inwardly on the inner surface of the portion thereabove to form the brim, the possibility of having one surface of the brim showing

the knitting of the wrong side of the fabric is entirely eliminated.

In Fig. 4 a slight modification is illustrated. According to the construction shown, the inner layer 14' of the brim is somewhat longer than in the principal form to permit the band portion to be folded upon itself, comprising layers 12' and 12'', whereby the band is bi-layered. The annular line of stitching 17 extends through both layers of said band.

In use the hat is worn in the position shown in Figs. 3 or 4, and presents a novel and attractive appearance. For shipping and storage the crown portion may be folded flatly against the brim to occupy a minimum amount of space.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the improved knitted headwear is simple, novel and expeditious, and is well adapted for the purposes set forth.

What is claimed as the invention is:

A knitted headwear, comprising a circular knitted body portion closed at one end portion and open at its other end, said body portion comprising upper and lower sections, each of said sections having an intermediate bulge and united by a constricted portion, the lower section being folded inwardly on itself substantially at the bulge therein, and the end portion of the inwardly folded portion continuing into the upper section to provide an internal band.

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